

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

DENNIS RICHARD WATTERS,

Petitioner,

Case No. C17-0036-TSZ-MAT

V.

RON HAYNES,

## Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S  
MOTION TO STAY AND ABEY THE  
HABEAS CORPUS PETITION

This is a habeas corpus action filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Currently before the

Court is respondent's motion to stay and abey the habeas petition pending resolution of petitioner's

state court proceedings, *In re Watters*, Washington Court of Appeals Cause No. 75399-1-I.

Petitioner did not oppose the motion. Based on the foregoing, the Court ORDERS:

(1) Respondent's motion to stay and abey these proceedings (Dkt. 11) is GRANTED.

(2) This action is STAYED pending completion of petitioner's state court proceedings.

Within thirty days after issuance of the mandate or certificate of finality in the state court

proceedings, the parties shall advise the Court whether the federal habeas action is ready to

proceed. Once the parties have advised the Court that the stay may be lifted, the Court will set a

new briefing schedule.

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(3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties and to the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2017.

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Mary Alice Theiler  
United States Magistrate Judge